

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the notifier is a speech-synthesizer capable of producing an audible voice message.

5. (Previously Once Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the notifier is a speaker operative to produce an audible indication that a message has been received.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the notification transceiver is integrated with the notification controller.

7. (Previously Twice Amended) An event notification system, comprising:
a computer having a CPU and memory and which executes an operating system operative to manage computer programs and wherein said computer programs generate events, the computer further having a bus coupled to the CPU;
a notification controller connected to the bus and operative to detect the generated events;
and
a notification transceiver communicatively connected to the notification controller and capable of transmitting a message containing data on the event to activate a portable transceiver.

8. (Previously Once Amended) A method for notifying a remote user of an event occurring on a computer, the method comprising:
generating an event from a software program;
detecting the event;
signaling software controlling a notification controller coupled to a bus and a transceiver that the event has been detected; and
transmitting a message containing data about the event to a portable transceiver.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the software program comprises an e-mail application.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the software program comprises a fax interface program.
11. The method of claim 8 wherein generating an event comprises generating an interrupt request (IRQ) and detecting the event comprises responding to the interrupt.
12. The method of claim 8 further comprising activating a notifier on the portable transceiver to alert a user to the message.
13. (Previously Once Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:
 - generating an event from a software program;
 - detecting the event;
 - signaling software controlling a notification controller coupled to a bus and a transceiver that the event has been detected; and
 - transmitting a message containing data about the event to a portable transceiver.
14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein the software program comprises an e-mail application.
15. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein the software program comprises a fax interface program.
16. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein generating an event comprises generating an interrupt request (IRQ) and detecting the event comprises responding to the interrupt.
17. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 further comprising activating a notifier on the portable transceiver to alert a user to the message.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 further comprising receiving an acknowledgment of the message.
19. The event notification system of claim 1 wherein the notification transceiver is further capable of receiving an acknowledgment to the message from the portable transceiver.
20. The event notification system of claim 7 wherein the notification transceiver is integral to the notification controller.
21. The event notification system of claim 7 wherein the notification transceiver operates at a frequency licensed for local use.
22. The event notification system of claim 7 wherein the notification transceiver is operable to receive an acknowledgment of the transmitted message.
23. The method of claim 8 further comprising receiving an acknowledgment of the message.